

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: amanda-155-003.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 2000221.024

Medium: Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 09 September 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 08 September 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is a highly sexualised depiction of a girl. It is deemed objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes. The image encourages and upholds the idea that young girls are appropriate and legitimate subjects for adult sexual fantasy. The image is clearly intended for the titillation and arousal of those with a sexual interest in children or young persons. The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The objectionable classification given to this image interferes with the right to freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that promote and support the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes be deemed objectionable. It also reflects the concerns of a “free and democratic” society to protect its young and vulnerable members from exploitation.